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LONGER MESSAGES THAN ACCORDING TO CURRENT MTP LEVEL 2
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 13, 2002, Applicant herein amends the above-identified application and responds as follows:

In the Claims:

Claim 7 has been amended as follows:

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7. (Amended) A node which supports enhanced links, having an ability to transfer long messages which are longer than that supported by current MTP level 2 and up to a maximum length supported by SSCOP, the node comprising first and second signaling point codes, wherein the second point code is used to identify the node as one having the ability to transfer the long messages, and both the first and second point codes are part of a same MTP network.

Claim 10 has been amended as follows.

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10. (Amended) A node which supports enhanced links, having an ability to transfer long messages which are longer than that supported by current MTP level 2 and up to a maximum length supported by SSCOP, the node comprising first and second signaling point codes, wherein the second point code is used to identify the node as one having the ability to transfer the long messages, and both the first and second point codes being part of different MTP networks.